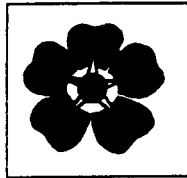


## The Chrismon Banners

The Chrismon Banners around the balcony represent designs used by some of the earliest Christians to transmit the faith and beliefs of the artist-teacher to the viewer. The banners were fabricated by members of the Banner Committee, chaired by Veta Boswell with the help of other volunteers.

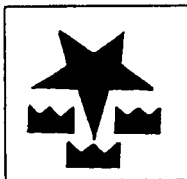
### The Birth of Jesus



The rose is a symbol of Christ's coming as the Messiah. When used as a symbol of the Nativity, it is called "The Christmas Rose."



This Nativity symbol combines the Chi-Rho, the manger, and a circle, symbolizing God's eternal love.

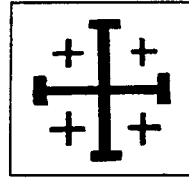


Epiphany is symbolized by the five pointed star. The three crowns remind us of the three wise men.

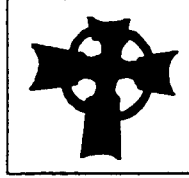


The fish was a popular symbol for our Lord. The early church used it in numerous ways to depict acts and attributes of the Savior.

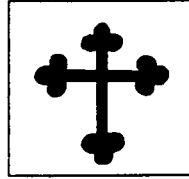
### Crosses



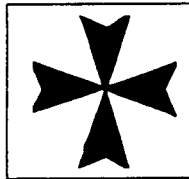
This cross was on the shields of the crusader kings of Jerusalem. The small crosses represent those who proclaim the Gospel to the four corners of the world.



The Celtic Cross is one of the oldest and loveliest from an ancient people who lived in Ireland. The circle stands for eternal life.

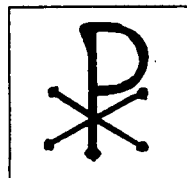


There are about fifty different crosses used by Christians. Here the buds at the ends of the bars suggest the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

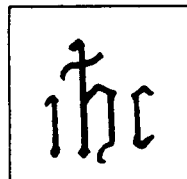


The Maltese Cross is formed by four spearheads touching at the center. The eight outer edges symbolize the eight Beatitudes.

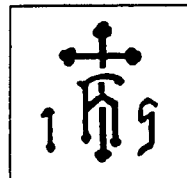
### Monograms for Jesus



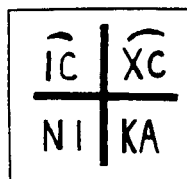
The Chi-Rho is formed by the first two letters -- Chi (X) and Rho (P) in the Greek word for Christ.



This monogram is formed by the first three letters of the Greek word for Jesus.

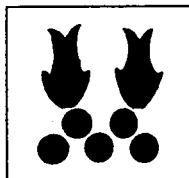


IHS is a Latin adaptation of the original Greek IHC. The trefoil ends on the Budded Cross symbolize the Holy Trinity.

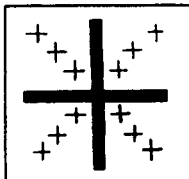


All forms are Greek - the cross, the first and last letters of the words for Jesus Christ, plus the word for victor.

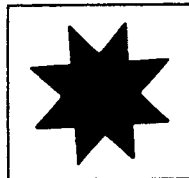
### Ministry of Jesus



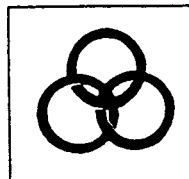
Feeding the five thousand, one of the miracles of Jesus, is symbolized by five loaves and two fishes.



The large Greek cross with four equal arms represents Jesus. The twelve smaller crosses stand for his disciples.



The eight-pointed star is a symbol of regeneration through baptism.



Trinity, in this form as three circles, can use many different three-sided formats, symbolizing Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.